

SANDBACH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT



on

the Health and Sanitary Circumstances

of the District for the Year ended

31st December, 1940.

Medical Officer of Health:-


JOHN CLEMINSON, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.  
Commenced duty December, 1940.

ARNOLD BROWN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
Resigned June 1940.

Sanitary Inspector:-

G. ALLMAN, M.S.I.A., Cert. R.S.I.

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The Chairman and Members of the Sandbach Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the annual report for the year 1940 upon the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this report has been considerably curtailed.

Since during the year under review I was your Medical officer only for the month of December, I cannot present you with a report based upon personal observation, but only upon statistics. It appears from the statistics that during the past year the health of your district has been very satisfactory. The numbers of notifications of infectious disease, especially those of diphtheria and scarlet fever show a welcome decline, and only one death occurred from diphtheria as compared with seven for the previous year. There was an outbreak of measles (of a mild type) towards the end of the year, but this outbreak was experienced in common with the country as a whole.

The sanitary facilities of your district appear to have been adequate to deal with the large influx of population to your town.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions

The customary notes on Social Conditions are not requested by the Ministry of Health for the Year ending 31st December 1940.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

				<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	..	Legitimate	..	119	48	71
		Illegitimate	..	6	1	5
Still Births	..	..	..	8	3	5
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid 1940, 13.4.						
Still Birth-rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births, 60.0						
				<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths	..	..	..	147	72	75

Death-rate per 1,000 estimated average population, 16.6.  
 Comparability factor, 1.00.

Deaths From Puerperal Causes (headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's short list):-

	No. of deaths.	Death-rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No.29 Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
No.30 Other Puerperal Causes.	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births .. .. . 72.0  
 Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births . 50.4  
 Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births- 500

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .. .. .	7	5	12
" " Measles (all ages) .. .. .	0	0	0
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	0	1	1
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0	0	0

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year which requires comment.

There does not appear to any occupation having a prejudicial effect on health.

#### SECTION B.

##### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The Health Services in the area remained unchanged during the year. A large house, Linden Bank, at Elworth, has been used as a hostel for evacuees, who, on account of uncleanly habits, were unsuitable for billeting in ordinary houses.



## SECTION C.

### Water.

During 1940 two additional copper bore-tubes were sunk at the source of supply making the total of these small sized tubes now twenty-five.

The installation of a Chlorination Plant at the Pumping Station is being considered and it is expected that one will be installed early in 1941.

### Drainage and Sewerage

There have not been any extensions during the year.

### Closet Accommodation

There are only a few closets other than water closets and these are situated where the sewers are not available.

### Refuse Removal and Disposal

There is no change in the methods of disposal of refuse.

### Sanitary Inspection

Number of Inspections during the Year .. .. .	720
" Statutory Notices served during the Year ..	4
" Statutory Notices complied with .. .. .	4
" Informal Notices served during the Year ..	12
" Informal Notices complied with .. .. .	5
" Informal Notices in hand .. .. .	7

The policy of interviewing owners is carried out before formal notices are served.

### Swimming baths and Pools

There are no public baths.

## SECTION D.

### Housing.

The customary table of activities under the Housing Acts is omitted.

Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which formal notices were served under Housing Acts, requiring repairs, and which were rendered fit by owners after service of such formal notices .. .. .	Nil
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Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which  
 notices under the Public Health Acts were served  
 requiring defects to be remedied and which were  
 complied with .. .. . 4

Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which  
 Demolition Orders were made .. .. . Nil  
 Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance  
 of Demolition Orders (including Houses under  
 Demolition Orders prior to 1940) .. .. . Nil

Number of Houses erected during the Year:-

By Private enterprise .. .. . 7  
 By the local authority .. .. . 0  
 By other bodies or persons .. .. . 0

There are still five houses which were included in the  
 Council's Clearance Scheme not yet demolished. All are  
 vacant. Of the individual unfit houses, four remain and  
 are occupied. Applications were received for the use of two  
 of these for evacuees. One - No.1 Canalside, Wheelock - was  
 certified as fit for habitation during the war after  
 improvements had been made. Total persons occupying these  
 four houses is nine.

Number of Dwellings overcrowded at the end of the Year .. 11  
 Number of Families dwelling therein .. .. . 11  
 Number of persons dwelling therein .. .. . 78

#### SECTION E.

##### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

##### Milk Supply.

Number of Registered Cow-keepers, 40, of whom 21 are  
 producers of "Accredited" Milk. There are no producers of  
 Tuberculin-tested milk. Tuberculin-tested; accredited,  
 pasteurised, and sterilised milk are available within the district.

The cowshed at Wheelock Hall Farm has been considerably  
 improved and a new dairy erected.

## Meat and other Foods

Number of Licensed Slaughter-houses .. .. . 7

Meat found to be unfit for food:-

	Carcases	Livers and Plucks	Carcases - portions of	Offals	Heads
Bovines	24	88	340 lbs.	27	1
Pigs	0	11	0	0	13
Sheep	1	385	90 lbs.	1	0

There were three animals notified under the Tuberculosis Order 1925 during the year. After slaughter two of the carcasses and offals were found to be unfit for food.

## Food and Drugs Act, 1938

There are 28 registered premises for the preparation of ice cream or preserved food under Section 14 of this Act.

## SECTION F

### Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases.

#### Scarlet Fever.

16 cases were notified of whom 14 were removed to the West Heath Sanatorium.

This figure compares with a total of 59 notifications last year, and may be regarded as being very satisfactory.

#### Diphtheria

41 cases of diphtheria were notified, of whom 40 were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

This figure for notifications compares very favourably with that for last year, viz. 74. Possibly the effect of the Council's immunisation scheme has made itself felt during this past year.

Under the Council's immunisation scheme etc., the following table shows the numbers of children immunised to the end of the year.

Number of children immunised by private Doctors.



	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under School age .. ..	94	70	164
Of School age ... ..	<u>150</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>255</u>
Total	<u>244</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>419</u>

Number of children immunised under Council Scheme.

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under school age .. .. .	102	nil	102
Of School age .. .. .	<u>391</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>391</u>
Total	<u>493</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>493</u>

The total number of children immunised up to the end of 1940 is 912.

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during the  
Year, 1940

Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever .. ..	16	14	0
Diphtheria .. .. .	41	40	1
Pneumonia .. .. .	17	0	14
Erysipelas .. .. .	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0
Measles .. .. .	99	0	0
Whooping Cough .. ..	15	0	0

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE UNDER AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one Year.	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	2	2	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	3	2	8	15	7	2	1	2	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	4	6	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	2	4	3	2	39	22	14	5	6	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	1	3	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-



TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality  
during 1939

Age Period	New cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Up to 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	3	-	-	4	1	-	-
25 - 35	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	4	-	-	7	1	-	-

My thanks are due to the Clerk and the Sanitary Inspector for their help in the compilation of this report.

I beg to remain,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN CLEMINSON

Medical Officer of Health.

